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REDEEMER RAYS

MISSION

SHARE AND TEACH
GOD'S WORD
SO PEOPLE BECOME
BELIEVERS AND COM-
MITTED DISCIPLES OF
CHRIST.

VISION

BECOME A DIAMOND
ON THE RIDGE, HIGHLY
VISIBLE TO THE COMMU-
NITY, FEATURING OUT-
STANDING, MULTIFAC-
ETED MINISTRIES, AT-
TRACTING PEOPLE TO
THE OUTSTRETCHED
ARMS OF CHRIST.

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God Rewards His Followers

Most of us are familiar with the story of the Rich Young Man (Matthew 19) whom Jesus told to give all his possessions away to the poor. Because he loved his money, the Rich Young Man could not obey Jesus' command, so he left in sadness with his wealth. After hearing this story, Peter, speaking for himself and the other disciples, said, *"We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"* (Matthew 19:27).

In response to Peter, Jesus directed the attention of Peter and the other disciples away from any expectations that they would be receiving material blessings. Jesus wanted them to focus on the joy that was in store when God's kingdom would reign supreme. Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel"* (Matthew 19:28).

Jesus directed the disciples' attention to the glorious fulfillment of the divine purpose in which they were privileged to share. In the same way, we are part of God's divine plan and are privileged to share in the joy of being part of God's master plan. This plan can be illustrated by the replies of three men engaged in a building project to the question of what they were doing. One said, "I am laying bricks." Another said, "I am making one hundred dollars a day." But the third replied, "I am building a church."

After providing insight into the ultimate goal, a vision of the new kingdom, Jesus goes on to associate the satisfactions of the eternal kingdom to present existence: *"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for My sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life"* (verse 29). Not only will we receive life eternal with Jesus, we will experience the joy of being part of God's kingdom now on earth. We will not escape the hardships of a hostile world, but we will be equipped and strengthened to face them. Out of sheer love for us, God offers us the blessings that come from being part of His kingdom.

Ke Aloha I Ke Akua,
In God's Love,

Pastor Tall

Worship Attendance

	2011	2010
6/5	174	180
6/12	112	152
6/19	135	140
6/26		170

Official Acts

<u>JUNE OFFICIAL ACTS</u>	
6/2	Ascension Service
6/5	Confirmation of Britt Albertson
6/8	Luther Senior Center Service
6/9	Quail Hollow Worship Service
6/26	Wynwood Worship Service

Board of Congregational Care*Kathie Zaloudek, Chair*

A special thank you for all who, at the Pie Social following the Ascension service, offered to provide our members who need special transportation, assistance to get to church. With your generosity and Thrivent's matching funds we will be able to continue this valuable service. Also, many thanks to all who are providing meals for members who need help. Donna Rafferty is continuing as the "Casserole Chairman". Please contact her (735-0564) or (raff2@charter.net) if you need help with meals due to an emergency or if you would like to make meals for distribution.

As the new Chairperson, I am trying to get my head around the job. The Board expresses great appreciation to Shirley Mellick for her years of service as the Board Chair. She set a high standard for Congregational Care. She will continue as a member of the Board providing a great resource.

Finally, let us know how we can be of help to you, the members of the congregation. Contact Kathie Zaloudek at 967-3688 kathiez@clearwire.net

Kathie**Seeds**

The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).

Board of Education

Marge Valenti, Chair

VBS THIS MONTH!

Come join us as we take a trip back through the ages and experience life in Ancient Egypt. This year VBS is not only for children but for the entire family.

Young and old are welcome, so please invite family and friends. Come join us for this GREAT event! Registration will be at 6:00pm on July 7th, with the program from 6:30 – 8:30pm on July 7, 14, 21, and 28.

We need volunteers immediately for the following positions: drama, family leaders (teachers and guides), shop keepers and support people.

If you are unable to volunteer for these positions, there are other ways you may help, like providing snacks. Please check the list of needs posted on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex Hall. **These positions need to be filled immediately.** If you can help in **ANY** way, please sign up on the bulletin board or call Chelly Ward (943-3357), Marge Valenti (628-1612) or Miriam Hagedorn (554-4768).

Please note, there will be no Summer Sunday School this year. Adult Bible classes will continue on Sundays through the summer.

Marge Valenti

JOSEPH'S JOURNEY TO EGYPT



LIBRARY
CORNER

Summer is here! If you want to enjoy some good movies with the family, don't forget to check out our great selection in the church library.

Board of Elders*Jeff Mauth, Head Elder***Grace and Peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ!**

Submitted by Elder Rick Stutheit

This month we celebrate our country's independence. The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776. Most of us remember these famous words from this document: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our nation was founded by very religious people, many of whom immigrated here to avoid religious persecution. Twenty-four of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence held either a seminary or a bible school degree. Provided below are a few of many quotes from signers of the Declaration of Independence that demonstrate their Christian conviction:

John Adams (Second President): "Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Utopia, what a Paradise would this region be."

Thomas Jefferson (Third President): "I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ."

John Hancock: "Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us."

Roger Sherman: "I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in substance equal in power and glory; that the scriptures of the old and new testaments are a revelation from God, and a complete rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him; that God has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass, so as thereby he is not the author or approver of sin; that he creates all things, and preserves and governs all creatures and all their actions, in a manner perfectly consistent with the freedom of will in moral agents, and the usefulness of means; that he made man at first perfectly holy; that the first man sinned, and as he was the public head of his posterity, they all became sinners in consequence of his first transgression, and are wholly indisposed to that which is good and inclined to evil, and on account of sin are liable to all the miseries of this life, to death, and to the pains of hell forever.

Benjamin Rush: "The gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life. Happy are they who are enabled to obey them in all situations!"

These men declared their freedom from England, but we should all remember that we are also declared free from sin because the sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He gives living water and daily bread.

The Redeemer Elders



ELDERS CORNER

Board of Evangelism

Tom Valenti, Chair

RACK Envelopes Roll Out

The Evangelism Board rolled out Random Acts of Christian Kindness (RACK) Envelopes on June 12 between services. Fourteen volunteers accepted RACK Envelopes each with \$20. Additional envelopes were passed out to volunteers who wished to add their own money to the envelopes.

RACK envelopes are used to show an Act of Christian Kindness to someone you do not know, but can get to know better, to help someone who is going through difficult times, or someone who needs to know that someone cares. God cares and so do you.

The board emphasized that no one is being asked to give the envelopes to pan-handlers but to prayerfully consider how to give these gifts. In **2 Corinthians 8:7**, God instructs, *“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”* We are God’s instrument to be the Good Samaritan’s of our time.

Praise the Lord for his instruction on the grace of giving. May we be the instruments to show the world that God loves and cares for his people. The board reported on their personal experiences with pilot testing of RACK

envelopes. The gifts touched the hearts of people who received them and in turn board members were touched with love returned more than 100 times greater than value of the gift given.

In the coming weeks the RACK Envelopes presentation white board will remain in the Narthex and be updated with examples of RACKs. The white board will provide the opportunity for others to share the results of their gifts of their RACK giving.

Anyone wishing to receive an envelope, contact : TOM VALENTI (628-1612).

What is Evangelism?

- E** Everyone’s Job!
- V** Verbalizing what Christ has done for you
- A** Actions speak louder than words
- N** Need help? – Ask God!
- G** God says– Go make disciples
- E** Excitement about **your** faith
- L** Living **your** life a Christian unafraid
- I** Inviting friends and coworkers to church events
- S** Sharing God with others
- M** Making it **your/our** priority

Board of Stewardship

Denise Rogers, Chair

The Board of Stewardship is in need of a new member. Please contact Denise Rogers denise.rogers@charter.net.



Thanks to Mark Shaver for his past service. We welcome back Lynn Bisping who returns to the Board for another term.

Denise Rogers

Altar Guild

Elaine Kutrowski, Chair

On behalf of the Altar Guild, I would like to thank Ginny Wendland for her devoted time serving as the Altar Guild Chair for the past 2 years. I also want to extend many thanks to Bev Darsow, Bobbie Bull, Geri Redeker, Tom and Eleanor Woods for preparing the Lord's table for Worship and Holy Communion for the month of June. What a privilege it is to serve the Lord!



The sign up lists are posted in the Narthex for all to sign up for altar care. To the members of the congregation, please check the flower chart for opportunities to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or to the glory of God. If anyone has any questions or would like to help with the altar work, please give me a call at 586-9502 or email to Kutrowski@aol.com

In His Service, *Elaine Kutrowski*

LWML

Kathie Zaloudek, President



Lydia Guild Sponsors All Church Potluck Picnic

On Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30pm the Lydia Guild is hosting a Potluck Picnic at the beautiful Leslie Groves Park for all members and friends of Redeemer. We will gather at the area off Saint Street, north of the tennis courts. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share and bring your own table service. We will provide cold drinks. This is a scenic area along the river across from Seagull Island. Come and enjoy the fun and delicious food and warm fellowship, under the shade trees. See you all there!



Biannual Retreat

The biannual WA-AK LWML retreat will take place September 30th through October 2nd at the Retreat Center in Post Falls, ID. The area is lovely and the retreats are relaxing and restoring for mind, body and soul. Contact Terry Strege for more information.

Meeting Notice

Just a reminder to all members and any women interested in attending LWML meetings, we meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30p. However there will be no meeting in August. Lydia Guild will resume meeting in September when Terry Strege will present a report on the National LWML Convention.

Serve the Lord with gladness.....*Ginny Wendland, Vice President*

Sunday Education Hour

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adults, both young and old, are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am. Pastor Todd will lead a study of the Book of Ephesians.

A Contemporary Adult Class meets in the Music Room at 9:30 am. Current events topics are discussed.

NOTE: Children's Sunday School Hour will resume in September

Offerings collected during the education hour in all classes are designated to the Nord Est Haiti Orphanage and School.

Mid Week Bible Study

Wednesday Morning

This Bible Study (WAM) meets Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:00am. The class is open to anyone and everyone.

Please come and join us. Don't be shy! We are studying the Book of Genesis led by Pastor Todd. All study materials are available in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!



LCEF Investors Support Future and Current Ministry

Submitted by Pastor Laurence Meyer

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) supports a variety of ministries. Those who invest not only receive interest on their investments as good stewards of God-given resources; they also provide support for ministry opportunities. Two opportunities illustrate future and current ministry—the gift annuity and the natural disaster loan program.



An LCEF gift annuity is a contract written between The LCMS Foundation and you, with the gift designated for the ministry of LCEF. It can be established with as little as \$5,000 (cash or publicly traded securities). In return, the Foundation will pay you or you and your spouse (if selected), a fixed amount. You choose when you will begin receiving the payments and how often. The amount of each distribution is based on the amount of the gift and your age.

After you are called to our heavenly home, the remainder of the gift is given to your designated ministry served and supported by LCEF. It will put your funds to work helping churches, schools, Concordia universities and seminaries, camps, child-care centers and other LCMS organizations, with low-cost loans and services. A well-developed gifting plan provides a way to continue your stewardship to the church while wisely managing the gifts God has bestowed upon you and your family. An LCEF gift annuity provides a gifting legacy that helps ministries witness the saving grace of Jesus and fixed payments for you.

Some considerations:

- ◇ Payments are fixed for your life and that of a secondary beneficiary (if selected).
- ◇ There may be tax advantages to a gift annuity, including a one-time charitable deduction.
- ◇ An annuity cannot be changed or the terms altered.

LCEF recommends that you consult with your tax or legal advisors as you consider this choice. Further information can be found at www.lcef.org/gifting.



The Natural Disaster Loan Program makes loans available immediately to eligible LCMS organizations and rostered church workers located in natural disaster areas declared by the federal, state or local officials. LCEF works with organizations and church workers in need of loan funding and/or facility design, repair and construction

with services from LCEF architects and members of Laborers for Christ.

The loan is structured over 60 months with the first 12 months at 0% interest and no payment required. In the remaining 48 months the loan is amortized at cost of funds with loan origination fee waived. Additional details are available at www.lcef.org under the Natural Disaster Loan Program.

Good stewardship and Christian service are important aspects of LCEF ministry. To invest and become involved with LCEF visit www.lcef.org or call 1-800-843-5233; or Susan Olson, 1-888-693-5267 or Rev. Laurence Meyer, Inland Empire Rep at 1-509-582-5368.

JULY Birthdays

4	Rob Snider	12	Walt Wendland	17	Tom Woods
4	Ginger Campbell	13	Ona Meyers	17	Loren Polk
4	Lance Albertson	14	Bernie Simpkins	17	Faith Dixson
5	Dick Jaquish	14	Valarie Milbrath	23	Henry Trease
6	Ray Boecker	14	Anthony Frank	23	Fay Lyon
7	Marlene Paris	14	Shirley Bigelow	25	Denise Rogers
9	Chano Lozano	15	Stephanie Milbrath	25	Roland Niemuth
9	Les Hathaway	15	Angela Landrum	26	Ginny Wendland
10	Doris Jensen	16	Teresa Wright	27	Sharron Sump
11	Paul Mellick	16	Gene Norberg	30	Kim Dykeman

Anniversaries

1	Ed & Beth Ruff	18	Rick & Ramona Engelmann
7	Brian & Stephanie Milbrath	28	Jon & Natalie Guymon
10	William & Angela Landrum	29	Deb & Paul Werner
15	Robert & Elsa Beppele	31	Pastor & Ona Meyer



FROM THE VBS DIRECTOR

The All Staff VBS Orientation is scheduled for July 5th at 7:00pm. This is an important time to get our program off to a good start. Please plan to attend. Also we will have a VBS decorating party on July 6th at 6:00pm, Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to participate.

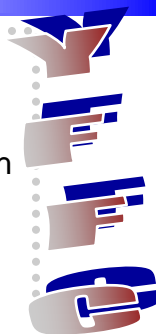
Chelly Ward

Pinochle Club

The Pinochle Club meets on Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you enjoy the game or want to learn, come and join the fun and fellowship. Call Terry Strege, 375-7744 with any questions or if you need more information.

WASH & WORSHIP

On July 16th, a car wash will be held at Albertson's Fuel Station on Clearwater and Edison in Kennewick. Watch the bulletins and Youth Bulletin Board for updates on the Wash and Worship carwashes. Parents or youth, if you have any questions, please contact Matt Rogers at 947-7142 or chubz182boy@yahoo.com.



Concerts on the Knoll

Redeemer's first Concert on the Knoll was held on June 10. Beauty Within and Racing 24/7 (formerly known as "Broken") performed. Many families, young and old, brought their chairs and blankets to enjoy the music and a perfect evening of praise music. The next concert will take place on Sept. 11 from 2 to 4 pm, to coincide with the Sunday School kickoff.





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